

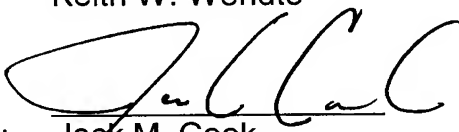
REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims as indicated above to correct minor typographical errors. Also, as indicated in the accompanying information disclosure statement, Applicant hereby submits U.S. Patent No. 7,044,070 (the '070 Patent) for consideration on the record. Although the '070 Patent does not qualify as prior art against the present application based on the listed filing date, the '070 Patent has been submitted for consideration with respect to any issues that may be material to patentability, for example, any prior art currently of record or any prior art cited or discussed on the face or within the '070 Patent.

Though no fee is believed to be necessary as a result of this communication, the commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fees arising in the present application for Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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